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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications	)	**PR Docket No. 92-257**
	)	

To: The Commission

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED COMMENTS

ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio (also known as the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated) (ARRL), by counsel, hereby respectfully requests that the Commission accept and consider in the above-captioned rulemaking proceeding the contemporaneously-filed comments in response to the *Fourth Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, FCC 00-370, 65 Fed. Reg. 76966 (released November 16, 2000) (Third Further Notice). The comment date was yesterday, February 6, 2001, and therefore ARRL's comments are being tendered one day late. As good cause therefor, ARRL states as follows:

1. The ARRL's comments were prepared for filing on a timely basis, but certain aspects of this proceeding necessitated review by one particular member of the ARRL's technical staff, who works at ARRL's headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. This staff member was on active jury duty during the week of January 29, 2001, to and including Thursday, February 1, 2001 and immediately thereafter commenced business travel during the weekend of February 2-4, 2001. He was due back in the office Monday, February 5, 2001, but due to extremely heavy

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snow in New England that day amounting to some 22 inches accumulation, the Hartford/Springfield airport was closed, as was ARRL's headquarters, and as the direct result, he was unable to return to his office until today, February 7, 2001. The necessary review and final preparation of these comments was thus delayed until today, and they are being tendered as soon as is possible.

Accordingly, good cause having been shown, ARRL respectfully requests that the Commission accept and consider its comments in this proceeding, though tendered one day late.

Respectfully submitted,

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